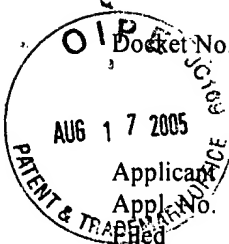


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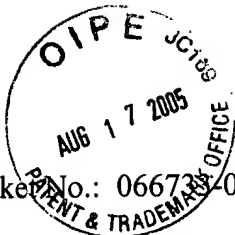
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Responsive to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed July 18, 2005,
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Amendments to the specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

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